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I. GENERAL

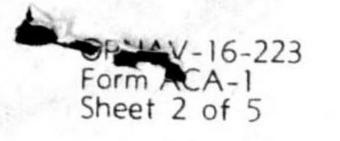
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(b) Based on or at_

USS LEXINGTON

(a) 16F-5 111. OTH	VF-94 VBF-94 ER U. S. C	TAKING OFF (c) 5 OR ALLIED	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	1 -	500# G.	AND TORPEDOES D (PER PLANE) (f)		FUZE, SET			
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III. OTH TYPE S	ER U. S. C		0	2	1 1	6 - 5" HVAR Ins				nst.Nose/.01 Tail nst.Nose/.015 Bas nst.Nose/.01 Tail		
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TYPE S		OR ALLIED	-									
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6F-5	7777 (-	USS HAN									
14U-14	VF-6	6	USS BEN									
140-4	VF-1	2	USS BEN									
		AFT ODCE			R. Ow	n Aircraft	Listed in II	Only)				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)		(e)		Listed in II)	CAMOU	(g) FLAGE AND		
TYPE	OBSERVED NO. ENGAGING		TIME LOCATION ENCOUNT				BOMBS, TORPE GUNS O	BSERVED	MA	RKING		
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h) Apparent Did Any F Encounte	Part of r(s) Occur	in Clouds?	(YES OR NO)	_If so, Desc	cribe Cl	ouds	(BASE IN	FEET, TYPE	AND TENTHS OF COV	ER)		
j) of Sun or	Moon	Hance	(NIGHT, BRIG	HT MOON; DAY	Y, OVERC	AST; ETC.)		(k) Visi	ibility	ILES)		
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TYPE		YED OR DAMAG		T OD CUNINED		CLINIS	USED	WHERE	(c) E HIT, ANGLE	DAMAG		
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VI. LOS	VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).									
(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)						
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) (b) (c) (c) (d) (e) (COUDITION OR STATUS

NAME, RANK OR RATING

CAUSE

CONDITION OR STATUS

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VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

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(a) TYPE	(b) MILES					(b) MILES	(c) MILES	AV. HOURS	(e) AV FUEL	(f) AV FIJEI	(g)	TOTAL AMM	UNITION EXPEN	NDED	(h)
A/C	OUT	RETURN	IN AIR	LOADED	AV. FUEL CONSUMED	.30	.50	20MM	MM	NO. OF PLANES RETURNING					
F6F-5	160	160	4	400	300	Maga	ntrep.	time	dag.	5					
FHRLH	160	160	4	385	260	(Shows	Emmip		deety	2					
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IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line)

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CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE				
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over		X						
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm		X						
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	X							

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

None encountered.

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

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XI. ATTACK ON E	NEMY SHIPS OF	R GROUND OBJECT	TIVES (By Own A	ircraft Listed	in II Only).	
(a) Target(s) and Location	on(s) Kowa	(SS) Honshu	1360-55 E UNDER ATTACK)	(b) Time Ove	er Target(s	1415 (-9) (Zone)
(c) Clouds Over Target_	25001 -	Stratus Cumul	us - 8/10 T. TYPE AND TENTHS O	F COVER)			
(d) Visibility of Target	Obscured (CLEAR, HA	by clouds	BY CLOUDS, ETC.)	(e) \	/isibility	20 (MILES)	
(f) Bombing Tactics: Type	e 7 Glide	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Be	omb Sight Us	sedMk	g (TYPE)	
Bombs Dropped per Ru	1 (NUMBER	Spacing_	(FEET)	Altitude (of Bomb Rel	ease 5000	O I
(g) Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gro	ound: Destroyed	Probably	/ Destroyed_	5445	_ Damaged•	
(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO. A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AM EXPENDED, EACH A	MUNITION IMING POINT	(m) NO. HITS On Aiming Point	DAMAGE (Non serious, destroyed	ne, slight,
Hangars &	3000	5 - VF-94	5-500#G.P.; 30	O-5"HVAR			
Adjacent Building	x = 3000	2 - VBF-94	2-500#G.P.;4	-5" HVAR	THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN 2 IN COLUMN	THE PARTY OF THE P	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PERSON OF
2 Small boat at 340-45 N; 1360-47 I	100 GT	2 VBF-94	4 - 5" HVAR		1	Slight da	amage
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⁽o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest, draw diagram, top or side view or both, as appropriate, showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely, following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY OWN AIRCRAFT

Altitudes
Speeds
Approach Tactics
Use of Cover, Deception
Angles of Attack and
Their Effectiveness
Distance of Opening Fire
Defense Tactics and
Their Effectiveness

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Method of Locating, Distance Disposition Altitudes Speeds Approach Tactics Use of Cover, Deception Angles of Attack Distance of Opening Fire Defensive Tactics

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Own Weaknesses
Enemy Weaknesses
Offensive Tactics, Own
", Enemy
Defensive Tactics, Own
", Enemy
Flexible Gunnery, Own
Escort Tactics
Fighter Direction
Use of Radar
Night Fighting
Recognition, Aircraft

ATTACK OWN TACTICS

Method of Locating Target
Approach to Target
Altitudes, Speeds
Approach
Dive
Pull-Out
Dive Angle
Strafing
Retirement
Defensive Tactics
Use of Jamming

DEFENSE, ENEMY

Evasive Tactics, Ships Concealment Searchlights Night Fighter Tactics Use of Jamming

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bombing Tactics
Torpedo Tactics
Effectiveness of
Bombs, Torpedoes
Selection of Targets
Fuzing
Strafing Tactics
Defensive Tactics
Use of Radar
Reconnaissance
Photography
Briefing

OPERATIONAL

Navigation
Homing
Rendezvous
Recognition, Ships
Communications
Flight Operations
Search and Tracking
Base Operations
Maintenance

This fighter group originally had for its target Meji Airfield. However, while rendezvousing over base, orders were received to join up with fighter planes from the Hancock and the Bennington whose target was Okazak Airfield. The combined flight reached a point about 30 miles in from the coast and about 10 miles from target when it was forced to turn sough due to a solid overcast at the target from 1000 feet to 10000 feet. Seeking a target of opportunity upon which to unload bombs, the strike leader (USS BENNINGTON) ordered an attack at Kowa seaplane base. In a shallow glide through the overcast from 12000 feet, a bombing attack was made; releasing at 5000 feet and leveling off at 3500 feet. Some of the attacking planes broke through the overcast and observed a hit on a hangar (It. Callaway, VF-94), hits on two small shops, and several hits on servicing aprons and taxiways. Rockets were also expended over the target in the same run, but hits not observed. All planes then rendezvoused and retired to base.

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